



Crawford Methodist Church

The Methodist Messenger

June 2026



Gardening is one of the most beautiful, physical pictures of faith we have. In fact, God chose a garden as the very first place to walk with humanity.

When Jim is out there working the soil, planting seeds, and pulling weeds, he isn't just doing manual labor—he is practicing a physical version of exactly how we are called to grow in our spiritual lives.

Here is a short lesson comparing Jim's time in the garden to our daily walk of faith.

1. Preparing the Soil (An Open Heart)

A great garden doesn't start with seeds; it starts with the dirt. If the ground is hard, packed down, or full of rocks, a seed cannot take root. Jim has to till the soil, break up the hard clods, and clear out the debris so the earth is receptive.

In the spiritual parallel, our hearts are the soil. In Luke 8:15, Jesus talks about the seed that falls on good soil: "As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience." Faith requires us to keep our hearts soft, open, and ready for God to work, even when life tries to make us hardened or cynical.

2. Planting in Faith (Trusting the Invisible)

When Jim buries a seed in the ground and covers it up with dirt, it completely disappears. If you didn't know any better, you'd think it was gone for good. Jim can't see what's happening underneath the surface for days or weeks, but he waters it anyway. That is pure trust.

This is the exact definition of faith found in Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Much of our spiritual growth happens in the dark, quiet seasons of life. We pray, we trust, and we do the right thing, even when we can't see the immediate results, knowing that God is working beneath the surface.

3. The Daily Tending (Consistency and Weeding)

A garden is never a "set it and forget it" project. It requires daily attention. If Jim ignores the garden for a couple of weeks, the weeds will gladly take over, choking out the good plants and stealing their nutrients and sunlight.

Our faith operates the exact same way. It isn't built on occasional massive efforts, but on small, daily habits—prayer, scripture, and quiet reflection. We also have to be diligent about "weeding" our lives—letting go of worries, negative habits, or distractions that try to crowd out our peace. As Galatians 6:9 encourages us: "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

4. Patiently Waiting for the Harvest

Jim can be the most skilled gardener in Texas, but he cannot force a tomato to ripen or a flower to bloom on his own command. He does his part—planting, watering, protecting—and then he has to step back and trust the natural, God-given process of growth.

Faith teaches us holy patience. We live in a world that demands instant results, but God usually works in seasons. Growth takes time. The beautiful bloom or the abundant harvest only comes after a season of quiet, patient waiting.

The Takeaway: Next time you look out at the garden or see Jim working in the dirt, let it be a gentle reminder. Faith, like a garden, isn't an overnight miracle. It is a daily, beautiful relationship of planting, tending, weeding, and trusting the One who gives the increase.

--Waynette Ditto

Our mission is to become a community of believers and followers of God; the Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit. We gather to worship and become stewards and disciples who express our faith with others, nurture one another, and are in ministry with Christ.

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Youth Report

Hello Crawford Methodist Youth. Summer is here! I hope everyone has had a productive and blessed school year. During your summer activities, remember the power of prayer. The lord walks with you and is always available for a quick chat.

We will be taking part in local mission work this summer. I will update all as dates and scheduling become available.

Morning youth services are every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Youth afternoon services are on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 4 p.m. unless it falls on a holiday, then we will reschedule accordingly. Also, if there is any youth news I need to be made aware of (sporting events, birthdays, joys, or concerns) please send me an email, text, or call. If you would like to be added to the youth list for updates and youth activities, please let me know. See you at youth group, as always, bring a friend! --- Nathan "Nate" Byers, Youth Director

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

WEEKLY OFFERING TOTALS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Financial Goal</u>	<u>Offering Report</u>
4/26	\$3,364.13	\$2,912.00
5/3	\$3,364.13	\$4,223.00
5/10	\$3,364.13	\$3,077.00
5/17	\$3,364.13	\$2,083.00
5/24	\$3,364.13	\$2,147.00



Children's Class

We have children's Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Join us for crafts, music, fellowship and bible teachings.

Prayer Requests

Mary Ellen Cribbs
Joyce Holmes
Dorothy Donaldson
Glenda's niece, Kaci
Family of Clinton DeChaume
Nancy Way
Kenneth Uptmore
Larry Hoelscher
Pattie Thomas
Joe Meadors
Tammy Westerfield
Mike Patterson
Karter Edenfield
Loretta Willis
Darlene Grigsby (John's aunt)
Pata Potter
Patrick Gardner

Tiffany Stadler
Chuck Raley
Beverly Jones
Cheryl Isbell
Mark Norwood
Riley Jenson
Clem Kortis
Terry Taylor (surgery)
Clarence Scott
Ukraine
Israel Gaza War
Jennifer Coan
Ethan Valdez
Hannah Riley
Megan Ayers (DeChaume)
Emma Harper



Please stop by and say hello to our members and Crawford residents in nursing homes!!

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c/o Stoney Brook
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151 Royal Dr.
Hewitt, TX 76643

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c/o Lynridge of Waco
5317 Speegleville Rd.
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Thank
you!

We want to thank everyone for all of the donated plastic silverware in our kitchen. However, at the moment we are completely stocked up. We will let everyone know when we need more. Thank you!

Coffee Plus begins at 9:30 a.m. every 2nd Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall. Hope to see you there!



Faith 1st Exercise will be moving! Starting June 2nd Faith 1st Exercise will still be on Tuesday but at 2 in the afternoon. Please check out the exercises you need to be doing to help with balance and strength. Suzie will be glad to greet you on Tuesday afternoons at 2.



June

- 7th Mary Ellen Cribbs
- 8th Dave Holmes
- 11th Sharon Westerfeld
- 17th Clayton Pomykal
- 17th Austin Baldwin
- 22nd Michael Schmalriede
- 26th John Minnix

Anniversaries

- 1st Jim and Waynette Ditto
- 1st Zach and Katelyn Coia
- 4th Mike and Edie Snider
- 12th John and Buffy Bayer
- 14th Bradley and Rikki Minnix

Crawford Methodist Women Schedule

June: No Meeting

July: No Meeting

Wednesday, August 5th

Place: Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Program: Back to School

Hostesses: Janette Baldwin and Linda Leight

Wednesday, September 2nd

Place: Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hostesses: Amy Brookshire and Linda Spencer

Wednesday, October 7th

Place: TBA

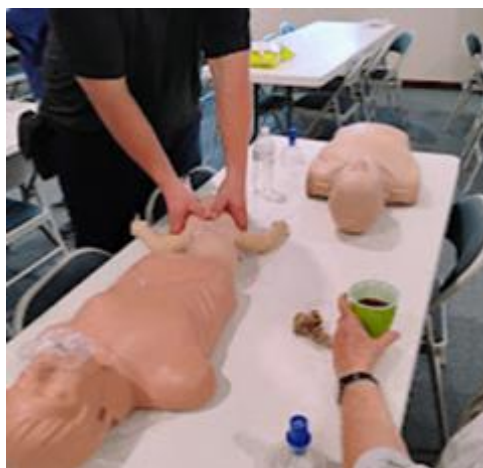
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 4th

Place: Church Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Hostesses: Edie Snider and Laurie



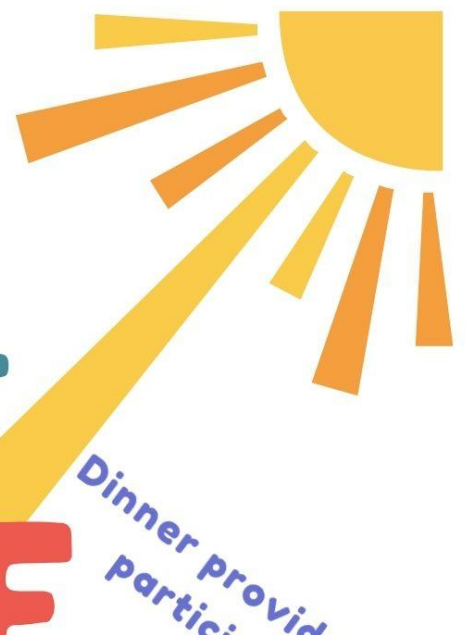
The Safety Response Team is pleased to announce the Crawford Methodist Church Emergency Medical Team members.

Brent Elmore, Nathan Byers and Brian Brookshire are currently members and certified. Adding to the certification as of May 20th is Clayton Pomykal, Tracy Love, Suzie Devorsky, Berry Raley, Ron Devorsky, Kelli Byers, Kent Berry and Jennifer Walpole. This completes the church Emergency Medical Team. They will remain on the Emergency Medical Team as long as they are physically able and meet the recertification requirements every two years.

Others who went through the 3 hours of training and earned First Aid, CPR and AED certification are Sally Love, Rylan Shobe and Marda Raley. Which qualifies them to serve on the Emergency Medical Team in the future. But, being certified they may respond in a medical situation if necessary.

LET
YOUR
LIGHT

SHINE



*Upcoming Kinder
through 6th Grade*

*Dinner provided for
participants*

*Older kids are welcome to
volunteer as helpers!*

**MATTHEW
5:16**

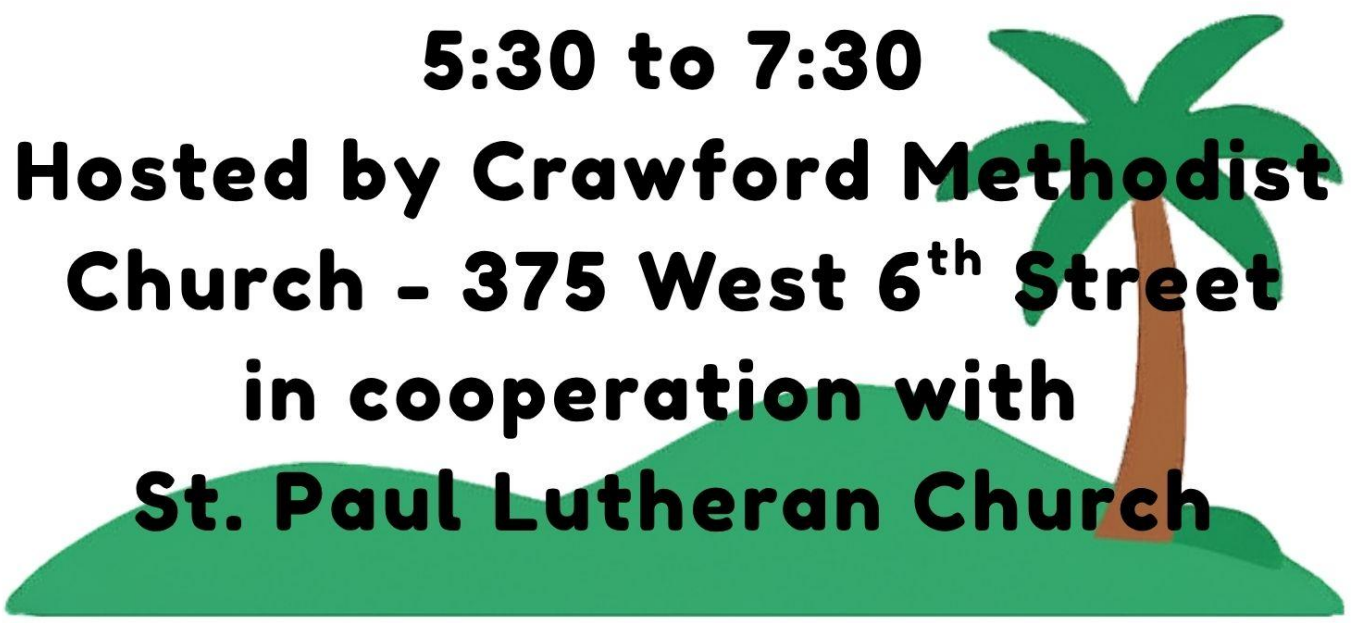
Vacation Bible School

June 14 - 16,

5:30 to 7:30

**Hosted by Crawford Methodist
Church - 375 West 6th Street**

**in cooperation with
St. Paul Lutheran Church**



Father's Day

Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction; pay attention and gain understanding. Proverbs 4:1

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12



J I S K R Y T A E U L X S O G
 R G O S D F H J R P Q K Z M D
 U I A D I X L O U S Y J Z F L
 E C A G M V K K F X K H N U T
 Q D L O V E Y E J U J J O R M
 S I W X F I S H I N G R B M B
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FISHING	LOVE	DADDY	LAUGH	FATHER
TIE	DAY	HUGS	CAR	HOME
GIFT	GOLF	JOKE	SLIPPERS	GOD

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 2pm Faith First Exercise	3	4 11:30 am Men of Faith	5 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	6
7 Holy Communion	8	9 2pm Faith First Exercise	10 6pm Finance/Admin Meeting	11 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	12 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	13 10am CMW is going to the McGregor Nursing Home
14 9:30 a.m. Coffee Plus 4pm Youth afternoon service VBS 5:30- 7:30PM	15 VBS 5:30- 7:30PM	16 2pm Faith First Exercise VBS 5:30- 7:30PM	17	18 11:30 am Men of Faith	19 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	20
21 Father's Day Easton Bayer's Baptism	22	23 Newsletter articles due at noon 2pm Faith First Exercise	24	25 10am Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry	26 Rev. Kent is available for visitations	27
28 Joy Jar Potluck Update Prayer Requests 4pm Youth afternoon service	29	30 2pm Faith First Exercise				